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SUBJ: US-JAPAN CONSULTATIONS ON UN: KOREAN QUESTION

SUMMARY: DISCUSSION FOCUSSED ON PROGRESS OF WG IN REACHING AGREED DRAFT GA RESOLUTION, PRC/SOV ATTITUDES TOWARDS KOREAN ITEM, US DISCUSSIONS WITH ROKG, AND US-GOJ CANVASSING OF ATTITUDES UN MEMBERS. NO MAJOR DIFFERENCE IN US-JAPAN ASSESSMENTS EMERGED, ALTHOUGH JAPANESE REMAIN CONCERNED WHETHER CONCURRENT ADMISSION LANGUAGE WILL HELP OR HURT PASSAGE OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.

1. POPPER REPORTED SEOUL DISCUSSIONS HAD GONE OVER POINTS ALREADY DISCUSSED OR AGREED IN WORKING GROUP ON UNCURK, CONCURRENT ADMISSION, AND UNC ISSUES. NO MAJOR DIFFERENCES IN US/ROK VIEWS EMERGED. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT ROKG FORTHCOMING, FLEXIBLE, PRAGMATIC AND WOULD ADJUST TO NECESSITIES. FONMIN KIM APPRECIATED WG EFFORTS. HE ALSO AGREED WITH US THAT NO LANGUAGE ON UNC PREFERABLE BUT THAT WE NEED TO ASSESS VOTING SITUATION CAREFULLY AS WE GO ALONG. OWADA (UN POL DIV HEAD) CONCURRED IN THESE IMPRESSIONS AND ADDED ROK FONMIN'S PARTICIPATION IN AUGUST
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8-9 CONSULTATIONS HAD BEEN VERY USEFUL TO GOJ.

2. DISCUSSION THEN TURNED TO DRAFT WG TEXT. JAPANESE OUTLINED INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEETING HELD AUG 30 WHICH COVERED POINTS REPORT USUN 3039. OWADA REITERATED JAPANESE CONCERN WHETHER INCLUSION OF MEMBERSHIP PARA WILL ATTRACT VOTES OR ENCOURAGE ABSTENTIONS. POPPER STRESSED CONCURRENT MEMBERSHIP PARA GIVES "MEAT" TO RES AND IS PHRASED IN NON-PROVOCATIVE MANNER, WHICH SHOULD APPEAL TO GA SYMPATHY FOR UNIVERSALITY. JAPANESE OBSERVED USUN REPS HAD BEEN "CAUTIOUS" ABOUT UNC ELEMENT OF RES. POPPER EXPLAINED THAT -- AS WE HAD TOLD ROKG -- US PREFERRED NO UNC LANGUAGE BUT WILLING LOOK AT SUGGESTIONS FOR RES AND WOULD HANDLE ISSUE PRAGMATICALLY IF UNC LANGUAGE NECESSARY.

3. OWADA SAID PRC DCM TOKYO HAD RECENTLY ASKED DISCUSS UNGA MATTERS WITH DIRGEN SUZUKI BUT DWELT ENTIRELY ON KOREAN ITEM. PRC REP TOOK HARD LINE AGAINST 2-KOREAS IMPLICATION OF CONCURRENT MEMBERSHIP AND URGED DISSOLUTION OF UNC. NODA (COUNSELOR UN DEPT) SAID PRC STRONGLY SUPPORTS DPRK IN ORDER RETAIN INFLUENCE IN PYONGYANG. NODA SAID PRC REP NEVERTHELESS SEEMED INTERESTED IN JAPANESE OBSERVATION THAT FRG-GDR ENTRY INTO UN IN NO WAY PRECLUDED REUNIFICATION IN LONG RUN. OWADA, HOWEVER, BELIEVED PRC HAS OWN REASONS FOR OPPOSING CONCURRENT ADMISSION IN VIEW IMPLICATIONS FOR 2-CHINAS. WHILE JAPANESE HAD NO SPECIFIC INFO ON SOVIET POSITION, SOVS HAD NOT SO FAR TAKEN SAME HARD LINE CONVEYED BY PRC.

4. OWADA SAID GOJ WAS IN PROCESS OF CANVASSING OVER 100 GOVTS DIVIDING ADDRESSEES INTO THREE CATEGORIES: (A) SUPPORTERS OF ROKG IN 1970; (B) THOSE CLEARLY OPPOSED, AND (C) NEUTRALS. ONLY 30 REPLIES SO FAR, BUT OF 20 IN GROUP "A" ONLY 15 SUPPORTED CONCURRENT ADMISSION WHILE 5 WERE AMBIGUOUS OR DOUBTFUL. POPPER REPORTED TENTATIVE RESULTS OF US SOUNDINGS PER STATE 169927 AND 171582.

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5. OWADA ALSO SAID GOJ HAS NO FIRM INDICATION OTHER SIDE'S TACTICS AT UN. GOJ ASSUMING ALGERIAN RES WILL BE SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR. INGERSOLL

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